Fixing of Wastewater to Kannegala Tank in Chamarajanagar Taluk.

*Q.—568. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the waste weir to Kannegala tank in Chamarajanagar Taluk is fixed up at 42 grade instead of 48-49 grade ;

(*b*) the capacity of the tank if the waste-weir is fixed up at 42 grade ;

(*c*) the reasons for not fixing up the waste-weir at 48-49 grade ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact the restoration of this tank is under progress ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The capacity of the tank at R.L. 55-00 will be 48 units and has no relation to the location of the waste-weir.

(*c*) This location is technically not feasible.

(*d*) Yes.

Increase in the Rates of Supply of Electricity by the Belgaum Electricity Co.

*Q.—602. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Electricity Board have given sanction to the Belgaum Electricity Co., to increase the rates for power supply from November 1958 ;

(*b*) whether the Government or the Electricity Board have given sanction to the Belgaum Electricity Co., to interfere and control their supply in breach of Electricity Act, as stated by the licensee in their notice for the increase of rates ;

(*c*) if the sanction is not given, has the Government taken any steps to prevent the licensee from charging illegal rates ;

(*d*) if the sanction is given, has the Government satisfied that the licensee is not making unduly high profits, and if so, how ;

(*e*) whether they are aware that there is widespread agitation amongst the consumers of Belgaum in respect of illegal levy by the licensee ;

(*f*) whether they are aware that the consumers have been making representations to the Government since 1956 and recently they have sent a Memorandum to the Chief Minister, Electricity Board and the Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore but all are ignored ;

(*g*) whether they are aware that the dispute is referred by the consumers to the Electrical Inspector under Section 24 of the Indian Electricity Act 1910, and in spite of the consumers having offered to deposit the money with the Government as provided by the Act, the licensee have disconnected some of the supplies of the consumers in breach of the Section ;

(*h*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No sanction has been given.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of replies to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) above ;

(*e*) There have been some protests from consumers to the Electricity Board against the increase in rates.

(*f*) There are no representations to Government by the consumers since 1956. The Belgaum Electricity Consumers' Committee has complained to the Electricity Board in respect of a notice to the consumers issued by the Company for increasing the rates.

(*g*) Except in two cases, the disputes have not been referred to the Electric Inspector in conformity with the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 ; the Inspector has given his decisions in those two cases. The offer of deposits with Government, by a consumer is not provided for in the proviso under Section 24 (2) of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. A consumer can deposit the amount onl